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TO ACOS, Guatemala City  
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FROM LINCOLN

DATE 278 1954

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SUBJECT { GENERAL  
SPECIFIC Intelligence Matters  
Need for Current Information

1. During the next few weeks it is extremely important that LINCOLN have as much detailed and current information as possible concerning plans and activities of the Government, Army, and Communist groups in Guatemala. Following are examples of the types of information desired:

- What are the plans of the Government to meet an uprising or invasion?
- What does the Government know, or what assumptions is it making, regarding opposition movements?
- What does the Army plan to do in the event of a move against the Government?
- What is the political position of important officers and garrisons?
- Does the Army have detailed plans to overcome an opposition movement?
- If so, what are they and when will they be put into effect?
- What efforts are being made by the Government and Army to learn of the opposition plans and how successful are they?
- What movements of troops or officers are being made and for what purposes?
- What are the plans of the Communists to support the Government in the event of an uprising?
- Do the Communists have any plans to counteract the action, or lack of action, on the part of the Army, and what are they?
- Are the Communists making efforts to learn of plans of prominent Government and Army officials and if so, what have they discovered?
- In the event of a military movement against the ARIENZ regime what will the Communists do and with what?
- What are Communist plans with respect to a popular movement against the Government in which the Army stands aside?
- Are moves being made to weaken the Army from an arms and ammunition standpoint? If so, where are these arms going, to the Communists or labor groups?
- Where are the principal stores of arms and ammunition, and under whose control are they?

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What are the plans of the CCTG, and are these different in any respect from those of the PGT?  
Does the PGT have any plans for the Indians in the event of a revolution and what are the chances of the Indians following any such plans?

2. These are only examples of questions to which we need to know the answers. They will vary slightly from day to day as conditions change. It is essential that you investigate these matters regularly through all possible sources. You should prepare questions of this type for submission to all likely sources and informants, and these questions should be rephrased and resubmitted every few days. Do not rely on your sources furnishing information along general lines which have been made known to them. Many have the contacts, particularly SEMANTIC, SECANT, ESCROW and ESPOUSER, but they must be asked what we want to know in specific terms. It will be necessary for you to prepare the follow-up questions as answers are received.

3. This matter should be given priority attention. We need accurate information in order to successfully counteract the enemy moves, and the bulk of this information must come from agents in Guatemala and Honduras. During the next few weeks detailed questions concerning tactical and other intelligence matters will be occasionally sent to you. However, you should consider that the above basic requests are valid every day. All important information which you think we should have promptly can be cabled. The balance can be forwarded by pouch weekly, or semi-weekly, if possible, under the new courier schedule.

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